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Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

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(c) Exhibits.

The following Exhibits are being furnished herewith:

99.1 Registrant's Press Release dated August 24, 2004.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

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FIRST MIDWEST FINANCIAL, INC.

By: /s/ Ronald J. Walters

Ronald J. Walters
Senior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: August 25, 2004

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